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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

: EXAMINER: C. FRONDA

FOR: NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES WHICH CODE FOR THE RODA PROTEIN

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDER ATION

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SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated February 25, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Since it appears that the Examiner is not aware of which claims are actually still pending in the above-identified application, Applicants reproduce hereinbelow-all-of-the—pending claims for the Examiner's reference.

Please amend the claims as shown in the marked-up copy to read as follows:

- --1. An isolated polynucleotide which encodes a protein comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, wherein said protein has the activity of the RodA cell division protein.
 - 3. A vector comprising the isolated polynucleotide of Claim 1.